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SUBJECT: FISHING LIMITS DISPUTE: GOI LETTER TO NATO

REF: US NATO 3023

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED JUNE 23 ON LETTER SENT BY GOI TO
NATO. FOLLOWING IS TEXT AS SUPPLIED BY MFA. TEXT NOT PUBLISHED
LOCALLY. QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, AFTER REPORTING
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TO MY GOVERNMENT ON MY RETURN FROM THE MINISTERIAL MEETING
IN COPENHAGEN I HAVE TO INFORM YOU OF MY GOVERNMENT'S SERIOUS
DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE FACT THAT NATO HAS NOT SO FAR BEEN
ABLE TO PERSUADE THE BRITISH TO HAVE THEIR WARSHIPS LEAVE
THE ICELANDIC FISHERIES JURISDICTION. I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU
PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN DOING YOUR UTMOST TO FIND A SOLUTION
TO THIS PROBLEM AND THAT YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE SERIOUS CON-
SEQUENCES WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE CONTINLUED PRESENCE OF THE
ROYAL NAVY IN ICELANDIC WATERS. I WISH TO IMPRESS ON YOU THAT
THE PATIENCE OF MY GOVERNMENT IS FAST RUNNING OUT AND RE-
PEAT THE REQUEST THAT ALL AVAILABLE MEASURES BE TAKEN FOR THE
EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH WARSHIPS. WITH EVERY DAY THAT
PASSES WITHOUT THIS REQUEST BEING COMPLIED WITH MY CONVICTION
GROWS THAT IT WILL BE ALMOST UNAVOIDABLE FOR US TO RESSESS
OUR CONTINUED ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE. SINCERELY
YOUR, EINAR AGUSTSSON. UNQUOTE.

2. WITHOUT COMMENTING DIRECTLY ON LETTER, PEOPLE'S
ALLIANCE NEWSPAPER THJODVILJINN PRINTED REPORTS FROM BRITISH
PAPERS PURPORTING TO SHOW THAT BRITISH BELIEVE LACK OF ACTION
BY NATO INDICATES NATO FAVORABLE TO THEIR CAUSE. THJODVILJINN
THEN URGED TIME LIMIT BE SET WITH GOI TO WITHDRAW FROM NATO IF
NO ACTION TAKEN TO REMOVE BRIISH FROM 50- MILE ZONE WITHIN THAT
TIME.

3. ACCORDING TO LOCAL RUMOR, PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE IS PRESSING
CABINET STRONGLY FOR SUCH A TIME LIMIT AND RESULT MAY BE " COM-
PROMISE" UNDER WHICH GOI WILL RECALL NATO AMBASSADOR AND
ANNOUNCE IT IS SUSPENDING ACTIVITIES THERE BUT WILL NOT FORMALLY
RESIGN FROM NATO.

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